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OLLI NEWS — DECEMBER 31, 2020

Print Catalog Additions/Corrections

The 2021 February Shorts/Spring Catalog has been mailed. We will list changes to classes, assigned readings, etc., here.

Changes to the print catalog:

#113 The Decline of the American Republic, S. Elkin

This study group has been moved to **Fridays 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**.

Register for the February Shorts & Spring 2021!

Registration is OPEN on the OLLI website for the **February Shorts (Feb. 1 - 5 and 8 - 12)** and **Spring Semester (March 1 - May 7)**. Both sessions will be held online via Zoom. The **Shorts Lottery is January 14** and the **Spring Lottery is February 10**.

Be sure to register *before* each session's lottery.

FEBRUARY SHORTS: There are two weeks of February Shorts this year: **February 1-5** and **8-12**. Each Short runs for 3, 4, or 5 days during one of the two weeks. The \$75 fee allows you to register for three Shorts before the lottery, then add a fourth by emailing the office after you receive your registration confirmation letter. Your course selections do not have to all be within the same week.

Click here to view the Shorts and to register: [February Shorts](#)

SPRING SEMESTER: Runs from March 1 - May 7. Each course is 8-10 weeks. The discounted \$270 membership fee allows you to register for three study groups before the lottery and then add a fourth by emailing the office after you receive your registration confirmation letter. **Click here to view study groups and to register:** [Spring Semester](#)

Revisiting Washington's Black History

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University
in partnership with the DC History Center presents

REVISITING WASHINGTON'S BLACK HISTORY

Four free events on Tuesdays in January 2021



Jan. 5, 11:00 AM: The Quander Family: Almost 350 Years in America
Lecture by Rohulamin Quander, retired Senior Administrative Judge for DC and Founder, Quander Historical Society

Jan. 12, 11:00 AM: Black Washington's Role in American Music
Conversation with Maurice Jackson, Associate Professor, Georgetown University and Davey Yarborough, President and Artistic Director, Washington Jazz Arts Institute with Introduction by Milton Coleman, retired Senior Editor, *The Washington Post*

Jan. 19, 11:00 AM: Howard University—Kamala Harris' Alma Mater
Lecture by Michael Winston, PhD, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University with Introduction by Carole Watson, PhD, retired Acting Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities

Jan. 26, 11:00 AM: Covenants, Redlining, and Segregation
Presentation by Mara Cherkasky, Co-Director, Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC followed by panel with Edward Hayes, JD, President Emeritus, Chevy Chase Citizens Association and Chair, *So Others Might Eat*; James Jones, JD, MD, former Director, DC Youth Opportunity Services; and James Pittman, Chair, Dunbar Alumni Federation and Founder, Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation moderated by Colbert King, Columnist, *The Washington Post*

REGISTER AT: www.ollu-dc.org/events/revisiting

This free series is being offered by OLLI in partnership with the DC History Center.

To register for the series, click on the image at left or click [here](http://www.ollu-dc.org/events/revisiting).

Zoom Training

Zoom training for SGLs and members in the February Shorts will be scheduled in mid- to late-January.

Zoom training for SGLs and members in the Spring semester will be scheduled in mid- to late-February. Stay tuned!

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, February 2 - 3:30-7:00 PM, Online via Zoom

Passages from selected *Ulysses* Episodes (chapters) will be read:

3:30 PM Introduction (with Telemachus segments) - Bob Kolodney

3:45 PM Proteus reading - Robert Aubry Davis

4:00 PM Cyclops reading - Michael Groden

4:15 PM Circe reading - Walter Kamiat

4:30 PM Ithaca reading - Christopher Griffin
4:45 PM Penelope reading - Dee Mahan
5:00 PM Film screening - *Ulysses* (1967 directed by Joseph Strick)

This event is free of charge but registration is required. Register [here](#). More information at: [James Joyce Birthday Celebration Website](#)

February Serendipity! Talk

***Railroads of the Civil War* with Bernard Kempinski**

Thursday, February 4 - 3:30-5:00 PM, Online via Zoom

In the two decades before the start of the Civil War the railroads of the United States underwent a period of amazing growth and technological development. Nonetheless, railroads were still in their infancy at the start of the war. In this talk, Kempinski explains how railroads were built, operated, contributed to the start of the war, and affected its prosecution. Kempinski will also show examples of how he is modeling a civil war era railroad circa 1863 in Virginia.

Bernard Kempinski is a freelance writer who has written dozens of magazine articles and several books on model railroading. He is an active model railroader and has built models on commission for museums and individuals. A former U.S. Army captain, Bernard is retired defense analyst.

Click here to [register](#). Registration ends at 8:00 AM the day of talk. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants that morning.

Holiday Closure

The OLLI at AU office will be closed on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. View the fall schedule and registration links [here](#).

AU EVENTS [Events Calendar](#)

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Join American University Library's **2020-2021 Exploring Social Justice** series! This series, co-sponsored by the American University Library, the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, and the Kay Spiritual Life Center, brings exemplary leaders from diverse backgrounds who have advocated for various human rights and social justice issues. [Register today!](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

American University students are learning online this fall and the AU [Center for Israel Studies](#) invites you to learn along with them during our many [virtual webinars](#). To receive notices about our online events [sign up for our event newsletter here](#). To receive notices about our online events sign up for our event newsletter here and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). We'd love you to join us!

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

- **The Viral Comfort of Nostalgia:** SOC professor Art Swift talked to Wired about why young people have embraced forms of media from decades ago. [Read](#)
- **AU Students Excel at Washington Post:** Students in SOC's signature Washington Post Practicum tackled work that gave them a front-row seat to history. [READ MORE](#)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Research Professor Co-authors Election Security Book. SPA assistant professor Seo-young Silvia Kim's new book discusses the integrity of the 2018 mid-term elections in Orange County, California. [READ MORE](#)

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Big World **podcasts** shine a spotlight on complex ideas and issues that matter. Each podcast features an expert from the School of International Service breaking down a big, important topic into small bite sizes. [Listen](#)
- [Watch](#) videos of past SIS Events
- **Russia-US Relations After Trump:** SIS professor Keith Darden joins the School of International Service's Big World the podcast to discuss the future of Russia-US relations. [LISTEN HERE](#)
- **Curb the HIV Epidemic:** SIS professor Nina Yamanis spoke to the Washington Post about the steps DC is making to curb the HIV epidemic in the coming years. [Read](#)
- **How 2020 Made History:** SIS faculty list the year's events that they believe will make it into future history books. [READ MORE](#)

AU MUSEUM

During the museum's closure, [AU Museum](#) is bringing you exhibition highlights and selections from its permanent collection on its digital platforms. Until the museum reopens, connect at [Museum@Home](#) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You'll find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more.

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